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Product overview

Xperia™ M2 Aqua

- Premium waterproof design
- Features "Smart Social Camera" platform with unique camera apps from Sony
- Takes photos and videos underwater
- Large high-quality display and 4G speed for great entertainment
- Compatible with the latest Sony SmartWear and pre-loaded with the Lifelog app

Flagship features

The Xperia™ M2 Aqua delivers the same waterproof design that features in all of Sony's flagship phones. Now you can chat in the rain or snap pictures under water. Complete with a display, 4G speeds and a powerful processor, the Xperia™ M2 Aqua is an all-rounder. Combine the Xperia™ M2 Aqua with the unique Xperia™ SmartBand and start a life-logging adventure to take your smartphone experience even further.

Slim and durable waterproof design

The Xperia™ M2 Aqua inherits features from Sony's premium line of phones, with precision-crafted details and an innovative waterproof design. This smartphone is balanced in all directions, with a slim form that fits perfectly in your hand, a sleek front, and a smooth matte back. Even the power button boasts a distinctive Sony design. Years of waterproof engineering and innovative design go into making sure the Xperia™ M2 Aqua is as durable as it is elegant. The market-leading IP68 rating means it can take anything from rain-drenched runs for the bus to unexpected drops in the sink.

Jump in with a waterproof camera

The Xperia™ M2 Aqua's 8 MP camera is waterproof in water depths of up to 1.5 meters, for up to 30 minutes. So now you can even capture memories underwater. Try using the Timeshift Burst feature under water to capture the summer's best moments. With over 31 frames taken in two seconds, there are plenty of images to choose from when you're looking for "the one". Once you're back on dry land, you can explore all the unique Sony camera apps that come pre-loaded with your smart social camera, for example, the AR effect, Timeshift burst, Picture effect and **Social live**.

Kick back in full speed

Sony smartphones bring you entertainment. Years of experience gained from developing TV technologies go into building our mobile displays, to bring you colours that are rich and vibrant. The high-quality IPS display on the Xperia™ M2 Aqua delivers clear viewing from any angle, for the best entertainment experience on the go. The Xperia™ M2 Aqua also delivers 4G speed and a top processor. Downloads happen at lightning speed, and the entertainment flows stutter free.

Facts – dimensions, weight, performance and networks

Operating system	Google™ Android™ 4.4 (KitKat)
Processor	1.2 GHz Qualcomm MSM8926-2 Quad Core
GPU	Adreno 305
Size	140 x 72 x 8.6 mm
Weight	149 grams
Available colours	Black White
Main screen	
Colours	16,777,216 colour TFT
Resolution	540x960 pixels
Size (diagonal)	4.8 inches
Scratch-resistant	Yes – Touch panel cover glass
Input mechanisms	
Text input	On-screen QWERTY keyboard, 12 key input
Touch screen	Capacitive
Touch gesture	Yes – multi-touch, up to 4 fingers supported
Memory	
RAM	1 GB
Flash memory	Up to 8 GB*
Expansion slot	microSD™ card, up to 32 GB
Camera	
Camera resolution	8 MP
Digital zoom	4x
Video recording	Yes – HD 1080p
Front Camera	Yes – VGA
ISO	ISO 1600 maximum in manual mode
Minimum Focus distance	100 mm
Sensors	
Accelerometer	Yes
Ambient light sensor	Yes

Proximity sensor	Yes
Magnetometer	Yes
Networks	
D2403	UMTS HSPA+ 850 (Band V), 900 (Band VIII), 2100 (Band I) MHz GSM GPRS/EDGE 850, 900, 1800, 1900 MHz LTE Bands 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 20
D2406	UMTS HSPA+ 850 (Band V), 1700 (Band IV), 1900 (Band II), 2100 (Band I) MHz GSM GPRS/EDGE 850, 900, 1800, 1900 MHz LTE Bands 2, 4, 7, 17
Data transfer speeds	
GSM GPRS	Up to 86 kbps (upload), up to 107 kbps (download)
GSM EDGE	Up to 237 kbps (upload), up to 296 kbps (download)
UMTS HSUPA (upload)	Cat 6, up to 5.8 Mbps
UMTS HSDPA (download)	Cat 24, up to 42 Mbps
LTE	Cat 4, up to 50 Mbps (upload), up to 150 Mbps (download)
Talk time (GSM)	Up to 11 hours 23 min.**
Standby time (GSM)	Up to 595 hours**
Talk time (UMTS)	Up to 12 hours 11 min.*
Standby time (UMTS)	Up to 641 hours**
Standby time (LTE)	Up to 543 hours**
Music listening time	Up to 37 hours 31 min.**
Video playback time	Up to 8 hours 4 min.**
Battery (Embedded)	2330 mAh

* Memory comprises approximately 3 GB of firmware, plus 4.5 GB of “Internal storage” for music, pictures and movies, and downloaded applications and their data. For more details about memory, see “Memory in Android™ devices” on page 15.

** Values are according to GSM Association Battery Life Measurement Technique as performed in controlled laboratory conditions. Actual time may vary.

NOTE: Battery performance may vary depending on network conditions and configurations, and device usage.

NOTE: All performance metrics are measured under laboratory conditions.

Categorised feature list

 <p>Camera</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 MP camera with Sony Exmor RS® for mobile image sensor 4x digital zoom AR effect Auto focus Face detection Fast capture Flash/Photo light Geotagging HDR for photos and videos Image/Video stabiliser Object tracking Picture effect Portrait retouch Quick Launch Red-eye reduction Scene recognition Self-timer Send to web Superior Auto Smile Shutter™ Social live SteadyShot™ Sweep Panorama Timeshift burst Touch capture Touch focus Video light Video recording (1080p) White balance 	 <p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Album art Bluetooth® stereo (aptX®, A2DP) ClearAudio+ Clear Bass™ Clear Phase™ Clear stereo Dynamic normaliser Manual equaliser PlayNow™ service* SensMe™ TrackID™ music recognition* Walkman® application xLoud™ Experience 	 <p>Internet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bookmarks Google Chrome™* Google Play™ Google™ search* Google Voice™ Search* Google Maps™ for Mobile with Street view* NeoReader™ barcode scanner* Web browser (WebKit™)*
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 <h3>Communication</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call list Conference calls Facebook™ application* Friends application Hangouts™* HD voice support Loud Speaker Multiple IM Noise suppression Speakerphone Twitter™ application* Xperia™ with Facebook™ 	 <h3>Messaging</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversations Email Google mail™* Handwriting recognition Instant messaging Multimedia messaging (MMS) Predictive text input Text messaging (SMS) 	 <h3>Design</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battery STAMINA mode Gesture input IPX5 and IPX8 (waterproof)** IP6x (dust tight) Illumination effect On-screen 12-key keyboard On-screen QWERTY keyboard Picture wallpaper Screen capturing Touch screen Voice input Wallpaper animation
 <h3>Entertainment</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3D games Media browser Motion gaming PlayMemories* PlayStation® Certified* Radio (FM radio with RDS) Sony Entertainment Network*** TrackID™ TV* Video streaming YouTube™* 	 <h3>Organiser</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airplane mode Alarm clock Calculator Calendar Contacts Document readers eCompass™ Notes Setup guide Stopwatch Timer World clock 	 <h3>Connectivity</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.5 mm audio jack (CTIA) ANT+™ sport, fitness, health support aGPS* Bluetooth® 4.0 wireless technology DLNA Certified® GLONASS Media Transfer Protocol support Micro USB support Native USB tethering Media Go™* NFC PC Companion Play Anywhere Smart Connect Synchronisation via Facebook™ Synchronisation via SyncML™ Synchronisation via Google™ Synchronisation with computer Synchronisation via Microsoft® Exchange ActiveSync® USB High speed 2.0 support USB Host USB mass storage Xperia Link™ Wi-Fi® Wi-Fi® Hotspot functionality Wi-Fi® Miracast

* This service is not available in all markets.

** In compliance with IP65 and IP68, this smartphone is protected against the ingress of dust and is waterproof. Provided that all ports and covers are firmly closed, the phone is (i) protected against low pressure jets of water from all practicable directions in compliance with IP65; and/or (ii) can be kept under 1.50 metres of freshwater for up to 30 minutes in compliance with IP68. Find out more at www.sonymobile.com/testresults.

*** Sony Entertainment Network with Music Unlimited is not available in every market. Separate subscription required. Additional terms and conditions apply.

Technologies in detail

NOTE: The information outlined below is general and levels of compliance to standards and specifications may vary between products and markets. For more information, contact Sony Developer World or your Sony contact person where applicable.

Accessibility and Usability

Accessibility and Usability	
Talkback*	Yes
Captions*	Yes
Magnifications gestures*	Yes
Large Text*	Yes
High Contrast Text*	No
Power button ends call*	Yes
Auto-rotation*	Yes
Speak Passwords*	Yes
Accessibility Shortcuts*	Yes
Text – to – Speech*	Yes
Touch and hold delay*	Yes
Color Inversion*	No
Color correction*	No
Hearing Aid Compatibility (HAC)	Yes
Teletypewriter (TTY)**	Yes

* Android Lollipop feature. Subject to possible change in future releases of Google™ Android™.

** The TTY feature is for deaf or hearing-impaired users.

Device-to-device communications (local)

ANT+™ wireless technology

Connectable devices	ANT+™ devices require download of a supporting application
Frequency band	2.4 GHz
Data transfer rate	Up to 60 Kbps
Encryption	AES-128
Topologies	One to Many, Many to One, Peer to Peer, Star, Practical Mesh

Bluetooth® wireless technology

Bluetooth® profiles supported	Advanced Audio Distribution Profile v1.2 Audio/Video Remote Control Profile v1.3 Generic Attribute Profile Client/Server over LE Handsfree Profile v1.6 (Wide band speech) Headset Profile v1.2 Human Interface Device Profile v1.0 Object Push Profile v1.1 Personal Area Networking Profile Phone Book Access Profile
Core version and supported core features	Version 4.0 Bluetooth Low Energy
Connectable devices	Products that support at least one of the profiles listed above. Bluetooth 4.0 accessories generally require installation of a supporting application.

More information:

www.sonymobile.com/developer

www.bluetooth.com

Wi-Fi®

Supported standards	IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n and Wi-Fi® Wi-Fi Direct®, Wi-Fi Protected Setup, Wi-Fi CERTIFIED Miracast™
Connectable devices	Wi-Fi® access points Wi-Fi Direct compatible devices
Frequency band	2.4 GHz / 5 GHz
Data transfer rate	Up to 150 Mbit/s
Security	Open Authentication Shared Authentication EAP-SIM EAP-AKA EAP-TLS EAP-TTLS/MSCHAPv2 PEAPv0/EAP-MSCHAPv2 PEAPv1/EAP-GTC WPA Personal and WPA2 Personal WPA Enterprise and WPA2 Enterprise
Encryption	WEP 64 bit, WEP 128 bit, TKIP and CCMP (AES)
Power save	WMM-UAPSD
QoS	WMM

Messaging

MMS (Multimedia Messaging Service)

According to OMA Multimedia Messaging Service v1.0 + SMIL

Email

Bearer type (IP)	GPRS, EGPRS, UMTS, Wi-Fi®
Character sets	BIG5 Traditional Chinese GB2312 Simplified Chinese GB18030 ISO-2022-JP Japanese ISO-8859-1 ISO-8859-2 Eastern Europe ISO-8859-5 Cyrillic ISO-8859-7 Greek ISO-8859-9 Turkish ISO 8859-11 KOI8-R Cyrillic Shift_JIS Japanese USASCII UTF-16 UTF-8 Windows® 874 Windows® 1251 Cyrillic Windows® 1252 Windows® 1254 Turkish Windows® 1258 Vietnamese
Protocols	POP3 and IMAP4
Push email	Microsoft® Exchange ActiveSync® (EAS)
Secure email	SSL/TLS, both port methods (POPS/IMAPS) and START-TLS
HTML mail	Yes (read only)

More information:

www.sonymobile.com/developer

www.openmobilealliance.org

Positioning – location based services

Supported standards:

- OMA Secure User Plane Location (SUPL) v1.0, v2.0
- 3GPP™ Control Plane location (including Emergency location), only supports E911
- Qualcomm® GPSOneXtra

Provisioning (OMA CP)

OMA CP client 2.0

Multimedia (audio, image and video)

Audio Playback	Decoder format	Supported in file format
	Audio decoding MPEG-1/2/2.5, audio layer 3	MP3 (.mp3), 3GPP (.3gp), MP4 (.mp4, .m4a)
	AAC, AAC+, eAAC+	3GPP (.3gp), MP4 (.mp4)
	AMR-NB, AMR-WB	3GPP (.3gp), MP4 (.mp4)
	General MIDI (GM)	SMF (.mid)
	Linear PCM 16bit	WAV (.wav)
	OTA	OTA (.ota)
	Ogg vorbis	Ogg vorbis (.ogg)
Audio Recording	Encoder format	Supported in file format
	AMR-NB, AMR-WB	3GPP (.3gp), MP4 (.mp4), AMR (.amr)
	AMR-NB, AMR-WB, AAC-LC stereo Sample rate: 48 kHz Bit rate: up to 384 kbps	3GPP (.3gp), MP4 (.mp4)
Image Playback	Decoder format	Supported in file format
	1, 4, 8, 16, 24 and 32 bpp and RLE encoded formats	BMP (.bmp)
	Single and multi-frame, bitmap mask support (GIF87a format and GIF89a format)	GIF (.gif)
	Joint Photographic Experts Group	JPEG (.jpg)
	Portable Network Graphics Bitmap mask support	PNG (.png)
	Wireless Bitmap	WBMP (.wbmp)
Image Capture	Encoder format	Supported in file format
	Joint Photographic Experts Group	JPEG (.jpg)
Video Playback	Decoder format	Supported in file format
	MPEG-4 Visual Simple Profile	3GPP (.3gp), MP4 (.mp4)
	H.264	3GPP (.3gp), MP4 (.mp4)
	H.263 Profile 0	3GPP (.3gp)

Video Recording	Encoder format	Supported in file format
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Video: H.263 Profile 0, H.264 Baseline Profile, H.264 High Profile - Audio: AAC-LC stereo Bit rate: 10 Mbps AMR-NB 	3GPP (.3gp), MP4 (.mp4)
Audio/Video Streaming	Streaming transport	RTSP according to 3GPP™ HTTP streaming

Synchronisation (OMA DS, EAS, Google Sync™)

OMA Data Synchronisation protocol versions 1.1.2 and 1.2

OMA Data Formats: vCard 2.1, vCalendar 1.0

Microsoft® Exchange ActiveSync® protocol version 2.5

Microsoft® Exchange ActiveSync® protocol version 12.0

Microsoft® Exchange ActiveSync® protocol version 14.0

Microsoft® Exchange ActiveSync® protocol version 14.1

Google Sync™

Related information:

www.sonymobile.com/developer

Web browser

Google Chrome™ for Android™ is pre-installed in markets/regions where no restrictions apply.

For more information about Google Chrome™, go to

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.android.chrome>

Memory in Android™ devices

To use Android devices efficiently, users should be aware of the different types of device memory. This knowledge is important in order to understand, for example, where music, photos and videos are saved; how many apps can be downloaded from Google Play™; and how photos can be copied to a PC.

The below information is also of interest to developers who want to optimise their programs to make the best possible use of the resources in the device.

Generally, all Android devices share the same basic memory setup. What differs is how much memory is available to you via the different types of memory, and whether your device uses an external SD card or an internal memory chip. Any information specific to the particular device model described in this White Paper is noted as such.

Types of memory

The types of memory described and numbered below are consistent with the terminology used in Sony mobile device menus and in other content relating to 2014 Xperia™ devices:

1. **Dynamic Memory** (also known as RAM) is used by applications that run when the device is turned on. The amount of Dynamic Memory influences how many applications and operating system services can run at the same time. The Android operating system automatically closes applications and services that are not being used.

However, such automatic functionality has limits. For example, if a lower amount of free RAM is available to applications after a new release of the operating system (due to increased capabilities in the system), device speed will eventually be impacted. This is the main reason that a device cannot be indefinitely upgraded to newer releases of Android™.

If you experience problems with RAM, for example, if the device runs slower than usual or if the Home application restarts frequently when you leave an application, you should minimise the use of apps that run all the time. Such apps could include, for example, applications that frequently download social networking service updates. You could also consider using a static wallpaper instead of a live wallpaper.

To see which apps and services are currently active, go to **Settings > Apps > Running**. You should have at least 50 MB, and ideally 100 MB or more, of free RAM to avoid slowdowns and application restarts.

You should also be aware that if you update the device to a later Android release, the load on the built-in Dynamic Memory will increase due to the addition of more features, as mentioned above. As a result, the device may run slower after an update.

The Xperia™ M2 Aqua has about 840 MB of RAM available to the Android OS and applications, of which about 440 MB is already used out of the box.

2. **System Memory** (also known as “System partition” or “/system”) is used for the Android OS and for most applications that are pre-loaded from the factory. This type of memory is normally locked, and can only be changed through a firmware upgrade. There is usually some free space available in this section of memory. However, since it is locked, you cannot save apps, photos or any other content to this memory. System Memory is reserved for future firmware upgrades, which almost always need more memory than the original firmware. You cannot see or influence the use of this memory.
3. **Internal Storage** is memory used as “working” memory. It can be compared to the C: drive on a PC or to the startup disk on a Mac.

This type of memory is used to store all application downloaded from the Google Play™ Store (and other sources) as well as their settings and data (such as emails, messages and calendar events, for example). All applications have an allocated area which no other applications can access and where the application data can be stored.

Some game applications also store content such as game music and game level information outside their own designated area. In most cases, an application can choose to save its data in a location of its own choosing (outside the protected application settings area). Generally, such content is not deleted when an application is uninstalled; it must be removed manually by connecting the device to a computer with a USB cable, or by using a file manager application.

Internal Storage is also used for all user content added, for example, as a result of the user taking photos with the camera, downloading media files, and performing file transfers. Typical user content includes:

- photos
- movies
- music
- downloaded documents (as email attachments, for example)

Internal Storage will tend to fill up as a result of normal usage. Examples of such usage are the saving of data by applications; the downloading and installation of new applications; the downloading of free or paid content; and the shooting of pictures and movies. Therefore, the larger this memory is from the start, the more applications you can download and use, and the more pictures and movies you can shoot.

If the Internal Storage starts to get full, the device slows down, and in some cases it might no longer be possible to install more apps. You should always ensure that you have at least 100 MB of free Internal Storage. If not, you should consider removing some apps that you seldom use, or move content that you do not frequently access to safe storage.

You can see approximately how much Internal Storage is free in **Settings > Storage > DEVICE MEMORY**. You can also view more detail about how much memory is used by applications under **Settings > Apps**. In the Xperia™ M2 Aqua, about 4.5 GB of Internal Storage is available out of the box.

Please note that in Sony Mobile 2014 products, “Internal Storage” is now the combination of what was previously known as “Device Memory” or “Phone Memory” (for applications and their data – also previously known as “/data”) and “Internal Storage” (for user’s content – also previously known as “/sdcard”). The reason for this change is to make the use of available memory more flexible, and also to enable the optional encryption of user’s content.

Memory card slot

In some products you may find both a large internal memory and a memory card reader slot. However, on the current Android platform, the card reader slot does not work in the same manner in a device with a large internal memory as it does in a device with ONLY a memory card slot.

Generally, since most applications expect only a single location for storage, such applications will not generally allow you to SAVE anything to the memory card (i.e., they do not offer the option to choose a storage location). However, some applications (for instance, the Sony Mobile “Camera” application) may actually allow you to do so. Other applications, for example, backup applications such as the Sony Mobile “Memory” application, will by definition be configured to copy content from the Internal Storage to the external SD card.

On the other hand, when it comes to reading from an external SD Card, you will be able to access content (for example, videos, photos and music) on a memory card inserted in this slot without any special consideration since the Android system searches all available memory for content. Therefore, such products may be regarded as supporting a fourth type of memory, called “External Card” or “SD Card”.

4. **SD Card** (known as “/ext_card” from a programmer’s point of view, or by other names in other Android products) is the name for the removable SD memory card in all 2014 Sony Mobile products. As described above, this External Card memory is generally more limited in that any application can read from it, but many applications cannot save to this card. Only a few applications, including backup applications and file manager applications, have the capability to save to this card.

Backing up data to different memory types

Generally, you should not save photos, videos and other personal content solely on the internal memory of a device. If something should happen with the hardware, or if the device is lost or stolen, the data stored on the device’s internal memory is gone forever.

In a device where an SD card reader is the main memory, it is relatively easy to take the card out and copy all content to a PC or Mac, or to an entertainment device with a memory card slot. In a product featuring Internal Storage as the main memory, it is not possible to physically remove the memory. Instead, any critical or high-value content must either be copied to an external SD card by a special backup application, transferred to remote storage over a network (mobile or Wi-Fi), or to a computer via a USB cable.

To facilitate the transfer of data via a cable, the Xperia™ M2 Aqua supports the Microsoft standard, Media Transfer Protocol (MTP), which makes it possible to easily transfer content back and forth between your device and a Windows PC. For Apple Mac computers, a special application called Sony™ Bridge for Mac is available with built-in support for MTP. This application can be downloaded from the relevant Xperia™ M2 Aqua Support page.

Note that you do not need to back up or make a copy of applications that you have downloaded from the Google Play™ Store. They can normally be downloaded again after you have set up your Google account to work in a new device (or in a device where the memory has been completely erased).

Note 1:

As noted above, some Android devices, including Sony Mobile devices from 2012 and Sony Ericsson devices from 2011 and earlier, do not use a single “Internal Storage” for both applications (and their data) and user content. Instead, these devices use either an external SD card for user content, or a corresponding area of internal memory to reproduce the functionality of an SD card. In such devices, there is a fixed limit between the application area (“/data”) and the user content area (“/sdcard”), with the result that user content can build up and reach this limit. The consequence of such a limit being reached, for example, for the camera application, would be that no new pictures could be taken even if there was still a considerable amount of free space in the application area (or in the user content area). In such an instance, the download and installation of new applications would also not be possible, even if there was enough free memory in the content area.

Note 2:

Some devices with integrated storage have abandoned the distinction between the application area and the content area when it comes to a Factory Data Reset. As a result, there is no option in such devices to perform a Factory Data Reset and preserve content. In such devices, all content is mandatorily and completely deleted from the device when a reset is performed.

In contrast, Sony Mobile’s memory integration solution makes it possible to preserve user content in this situation. Therefore, when performing a Factory Data Reset, the default action will still be to only remove applications and their data, and an option box must be checked if all content is to be removed as well (as might be desirable when selling the device second-hand, for instance).

Note 3:

For a developer, it is important to note that from a programming point of view the location names used to refer to the different memory areas described in Note 1 are still valid, i.e., the area used for applications (“/data”) is still present, as is the area used for content (“/sdcard”).

In reality, “sdcard” is a so-called “symbolic link” to “/data/media”. However, from inside an Android application, “/sdcard” can still be used. For example, you can use “sdcard/DCIM/100Android” to find all camera images. The continued use of “/sdcard” to access the content area ensures compatibility across different products and Android releases in this regard.

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